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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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IN RE:

Application of BellSouth Public
Communications, Inc. for Approval
To Divest Itself of Its Assets
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APPLICATION

BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. ("BSPC") hereby submits its application to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval to divest itself of its assets in the course of exiting the payphone business. In support of this Application, BSPC states as follows:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner are:

BellSouth Public Communications, Inc.
75 Bagby Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

2. BSPC's authorized representative in this proceeding is:

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Correspondence or communication relative to this application should be addressed to this authorized representative.

3. BSPC is a corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

4. BSPC provides certain payphone services throughout South Carolina pursuant to certificates the Commission granted or approved in Order No. 97-65 in Docket No. 85-150-C, and in Order No. 97-268 in Docket No. 97-047-C.

5. BSPC intends to completely exit the payphone businesses and, therefore, to cease providing payphone services in the state of South Carolina (or in any other state) by late in the fourth quarter of 2003 or early in the first quarter of 2004.

6. In preparation for its exit from the market, BSPC intends to divest itself of its assets and, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-300 and/or S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-310, BSPC respectfully seeks Commission approval to divest itself of its assets that are located in the State of South Carolina.

7. After BSPC has ceased providing any payphone services in South Carolina, BSPC plans to seek withdrawal of the certificates the Commission granted or approved in Order No. 97-65 in Docket No. 85-150-C and in Order No. 97-268 in Docket No. 97-047-C by way of an appropriate filing in this docket.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, BSPC respectfully requests that the Commission approve BSPC's decision to divest itself of its assets.

This 11th day of March, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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